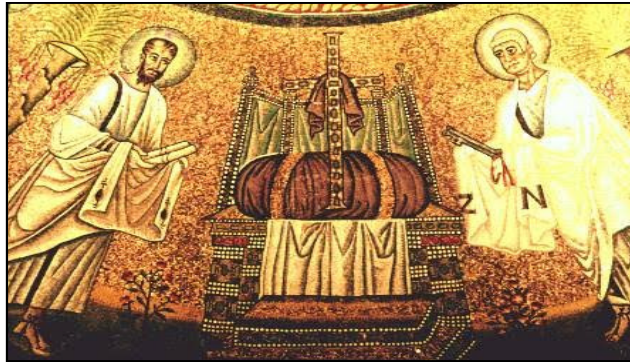


"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God..." Romans 12:2

Church Life Series: PRA•X•IS The Experiment

Hypothesis: If we commit to five spiritual practices over the next year, our relationships with Jesus Christ and with one another will be radically transformed.

- P • Pray for the entire world
- R • Read through the Entire Word
- A • Add to the Community
- X • Ancient symbol for Christ
- I • Invest in the Kingdom
- S • Send Yourself to the Nation(s)



Peter & Paul Mosaic, Rome Italy

Add to the Community

Small groups are an important avenue of spiritual growth at First Presbyterian church.

Sunday Morning Groups

Meet at The Center (Southwest corner of church campus)

11:05 a.m. –12:05 p.m.

Holy Land Group: For people who have attended or plan to attend a Holy Land Pilgrimage. 2nd/4th Sundays. Facilitator: Mark Hugel

Thirty Something Couples Group:

Facilitators: Ole and Anne Raustol

Twenty something Couples Bible Study: 1 John 2nd & 3rd Sundays

Facilitators: Andrew and Sarah Day Hendricks

Small groups meet almost every day of the week.

If want to get connected contact kristine@fpcnorfolk.org.

We would love to get you connected!

Read The Word

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study Precepts Upon Precepts: Spiritual Gifts

January 11th– April 11th
9:30–11:30 a.m.; Main Church Building

What has God called you to do and uniquely equipped you for? Discover the spiritual gifts God has given you and understand those given to all believers to glorify Himself and strengthen His church. (Intergenerational Bible Study)

Teachers: Ellen Pearson, Kristine Rand, & Eliza Marks

Thursday Evening Women's Bible Study James: Mercy Triumphs (Beth Moore Study)

January 19th–March 22nd
7:00–9:00 p.m.; Northminster House

See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple with Beth Moore's study James: Mercy Triumphs. Once you get to know both the man and the Book of James, you'll never be the same again.

Facilitators: Jeanne Perin, Debi Gorton & Martha Ambler

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer

A Nehemiah Prayer Minister is available after each worship service for prayer.

Prayers for First Presbyterian Church
9:00 - 9:30: The Center for Prayer & Spiritual Growth

Nehemiah Ministry Monday Noon Day Prayers

Intercessory Prayer

2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 12:00 noon.
Facilitators: Betsy Phillips and Peggy Gatje.

Prayers in the Catacombs Sunday Mornings March 4th – 25th

Throughout history, millions of Christians have had to pray underground and this practice still continues today around the world. Please join us in this underground prayer experience as we unite with our brothers and sisters as we pray for the missing, the lost and the persecuted.

Saturday Morning Asides

Morning Aside: March 10th; 9:00–12:00 noon.

Take a half day and come to our Center to find a quiet and peaceful place to pray, meditate on God's Word, and to hear Christ speak.

March 10th: Reflections on Repentance & Renewal

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal. We turn away from our sinfulness and recommit ourselves to following Jesus. Come join us for guided contemplative and reflective prayer exercises as we prepare for Easter.

Lost: The Art Show

April 1st & 8th

Calling all artists

We are inviting all artists to begin working on art that will visually capture Christ's message to the Lost. Christ places a special premium on the Lost and would love for you to create art inspired by the concept of "Lost."

Writers Workshops

1st and 3rd Tuesday Evenings of the Month
7:00-9:00 pm
(no experience necessary)

Writing allows us to create sacred space to reflect on our God, our lives and our world. It is often through writing that we allow our pens to go where our minds will not. Through writing, we bring meaning to our individual experiences of life and through reflection, we are transformed. Our website offers weekly prompts.

Facilitators: Bruce Jones & Luanne Hugel

Also at the Center

Discernment

*Facing a big question in your life
or need discernment on a decision?*

A Clearness Committee is a group of five to six people with the gift of discernment helping you discern your own God-given leadings and callings.

Spiritual Mentoring

Partner with a mature Christian who has been willing to be obedient to the call of God to walk with and guide another in their journey with Christ.

**The Center for Prayer & Spiritual Growth
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Corner of Colonial & Raleigh Avenues

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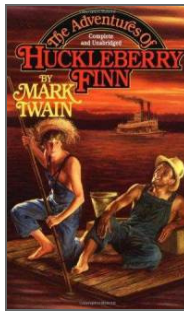
Special Events At The Center

Fireside Chats with Jim Wood

"Two of My Favorite Books"

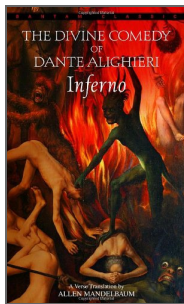
Two Tuesday Evenings— January 24th & February 21st
7:00–8:00 pm

Whenever Jim mentions his top ten books, most of us think, "I need to read that book" or "I would love to discuss that book with him." Now, here is your chance. This winter, Jim will be discussing two of his favorite books. The books are available in The Loft.



January 24th: Huckleberry Finn

This classic book takes a close look at relationships, religion and redemption. Come join us as we discuss Huck's existential crisis as he is forced to choose between the "Christian" thing to do and his integrity..



February 21st: Dante's Inferno

Jim reads this book every year to help prepare him for Lent. Inferno opens on the evening of Good Friday in the year 1300. Traveling through a dark wood, Dante Alighieri has lost his path and now wanders fearfully (a powerful metaphor for our own lives).

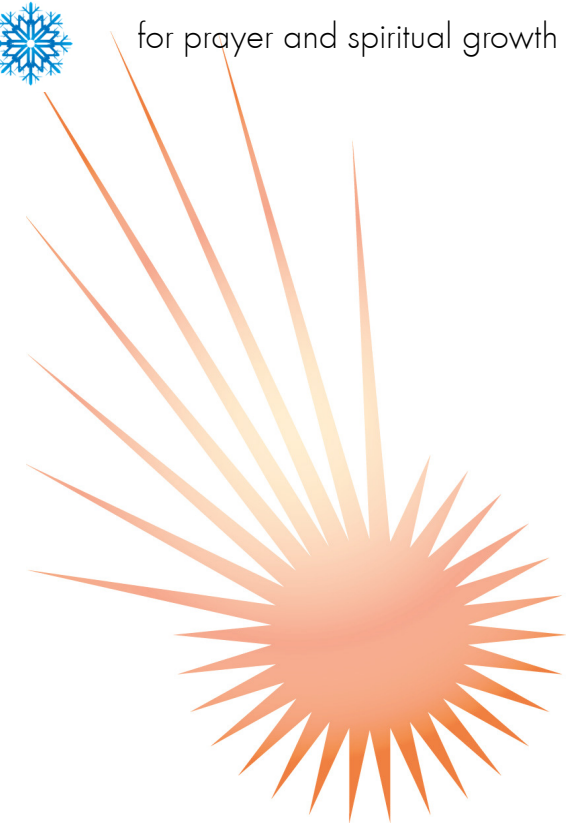
For information or questions, contact Kristine Rand
(Class size is limited—please register)

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